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OLATHE, KANSAS MAN SENTENCED FOR BEING A FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Aaron M. Meek,** 26, Olathe, Kansas, was sentenced on May 10, 2004, by U.S. District Judge Carlos Murguia to **33 months in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren said that Meek entered a guilty plea on December 15, 2003, to one count of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Melgren stated that Meek admitted at his plea that on August 15, 2003, agents with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives executed a search warrant at his residence in Johnson County, Kansas, and found a rifle and ammunition in his living room. Meek further admitted that he had previously been convicted in 1999 in Johnson County, Kansas, of aggravated assault and of domestic battery. Meek admitted that he knew that because of these prior convictions he was prohibited from owning or possessing a firearm.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Terra Morehead in this prosecution.